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SUBJ: WELFARE OF DIRK REZELMAN

REF: (A) STATE 236061, (B) PRETORIA A-126

1. POST BELIEVES GUSEWELLE MAY HAVE MISINTERPRETED REZELMAN'S CRYPTIC CORRESPONDENCE. REZELMAN IS VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE AS NEWSPAPER REPORTER AND COLUMNIST FOR RAND DAILY MAIL, AND, IN FACT, PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM, EMBOFF SPOKE WITH HIM ON OCTOBER 4 AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH. HE IS IN NO POLITICAL DIFFICULTY THAT WE KNOW OF, AND UNLESS HE HAS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO HIS STATED PUBLIC POSITIONS (REF B), IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT HE IS IN ANY TROUBLE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

2. SUGGEST THAT DEPT INFORM GUSEWELLE THAT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY REZELMAN IN POLITICAL DIFFICULTY AND THAT HE ATTEMPT TO CONTACT HIM PERSONALLY VIA RAND DAILY MAIL. TELEPHONE IN JOHANNESBURG IS 28-1500.
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